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Letter dated 7 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Cuba deposited the instruments of accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) on 4 November 2002, at a ceremony held in Moscow at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, whose Government is one of the designated depositaries of the above-mentioned Treaty.

The decision to become a State party to NPT sends a clear signal of the political will of the Government of Cuba and its commitment to the promotion and consolidation of multilateralism, as the only way of achieving an effective disarmament process guaranteeing world peace.

In taking this step, Cuba also reaffirmed its desire to see at last the complete elimination, under strict international monitoring, of all nuclear weapons.

At the same time, Cuba's accession to NPT should not be interpreted as a change in its well-known position regarding the inadequacies of that Treaty and its discriminatory character, or as a lessening of Cuba's concern at the nuclear Powers' lack of compliance with their obligations under NPT.

As a State party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Cuba intends to become actively involved in preparations for the next NPT Review Conference and to work together with other States that, like Cuba, desire the total elimination, under strict international monitoring, of all nuclear weapons.

I should be grateful if this letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 66.

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